

City of Minneapolis

2015 Legislative Agenda Proposals

November 6, 2014 Presentations

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Name of Legislation:	Increase in state funding for HIV and Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) prevention and control.
Short Description. Please include a description of the current issue/problem, as well as any relevant historical background.	<p>The purpose of this request is to increase state HIV and STD prevention and control funding for the Minnesota Department of Health's HIV/STD Section. MDH has estimated that \$1 million would be used for HIV community grants, education, and health department staff positions. An additional \$1 million would be needed for STD screening, treatment, assessment and education along with MDH staff positions.</p> <p>The rates of Minnesotans infected with a sexually transmitted disease continue to rise. The recent MDH surveillance report shows STD/STI rate increases from 2012 to 2013, including a 4% increase in chlamydia infections, reaching an all-time high of 18,724 chlamydia cases in 2013. The majority of these infections (69%) affect teens and young adults under the age of 25. In addition, the recent MDH report shows a 26% increase in gonorrhea infections and a 64% increase in syphilis. Gonorrhea remains the second most commonly reported STI in Minnesota, with 3,872 cases reported in 2013. Chlamydia and gonorrhea can cause chronic pain, infertility, premature delivery and a variety of life-altering conditions. They may also be passed from an infected woman to her newborn children, causing infant pneumonia and blindness. In addition, the presence of an untreated STI significantly increases the risk to acquire HIV.</p>
Sponsoring Department:	Health Department
Submitted By:	Coral Garner
Key Staff:	Coral Garner, Barb Kyle
Statute Citation:	unknown
Priority (city is lead advocate) or Support (city supports other groups) item?	Support
Context for 2015 Session (e.g. Equity,	Health Equity
City Fiscal Impact:	
State Fiscal Impact:	\$2 million increase (estimated)
Supportive Partners:	Planned Parenthood Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota; Minnesota AIDS Project; Mike Opat, Hennepin County Commissioner; OutFront Minnesota; Lutheran Social Services Minnesota; Minneapolis Urban League; Reproductive Health Alliance; NARAL Pro-Choice Minnesota; Sub-Saharan Youth and Family Services in Minnesota; Positive Care Center at Hennepin County Medical Center; Youth and AIDS Project, Clare Housing; Rainbow Health Initiative; Nu-Way, Inc.; Timothy Shacker, MD, Director of Program in HIV Medicine, University of Minnesota; Rural AIDS Action Network; Teenwise Minnesota
Other Engaged Organizations:	
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Priority or Support?	
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Name of Legislation:	Increase funding for voluntary family home visiting services to improve access to home visiting services for Minneapolis children age prenatal to 3 who are at risk for poor mental and physical health, social, and educational outcomes.
Short Description. Please include a description of the current issue/problem, as well as any relevant historical background.	Sustain and expand existing direct evidence-based home visiting services. In addition, strengthen the existing home visiting statewide system by creating baseline standards/outcomes for home visiting across all disciplines. Family home visiting contributes to: --Better birth outcomes --Fewer incidents of child abuse and neglect --Fewer adolescents entering the criminal justice system --Increased high school graduation rates --Increased economic self-sufficiency --Improved health outcomes --Increased participation in labor force and earnings in adulthood (Examples of ROI from Center on the Developing Child, Harvard University)
Sponsoring Department:	Health and Mayor's Office
Submitted By:	Patty Bowler and Dianne Haulcy
Key Staff:	Patty Bowler, Gretchen Musicant, Stephanie Graves, Dianne Haulcy
Reviewed by City Attorney (include name and phone):	
Statute Citation:	
Priority (city is lead advocate) or Support (city supports other groups) item?	Support
Context for 2015 Session (e.g. Equity, Transportation, etc.)	Equity
City Fiscal Impact:	None
State Fiscal Impact:	\$8-10 million increase in state funds for family home visiting.
Supportive Partners:	Local Public Health Association, MN Coalition for Targeted Home Visiting, MVNA, St. Paul Ramsey Public Health Dept, Cradle to K Cabinet
Other Engaged Organizations:	
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Name of Legislation:	Expansion of Early Learning Scholarships
Short Description. Please include a description of the current issue/problem, as well as any relevant historical background.	Given current funding levels, approximately 10 percent of Minnesota's eligible children receive early learning scholarships. The cost of services per child varies based on eligibility for other funding, quality rating of selected program, and average cost of care by geographic location. Expand funding in order to reach a higher percentage of eligible children and/or fully cover costs of early care and education services for a child receiving a scholarship. a. Prioritize homeless children b. Determine how to target some scholarship funds to children 0-2
Sponsoring Department:	Mayor Hodges Office
Submitted By:	Mayor Hodges Cradle to K Cabinet
Key Staff:	Dianne Haulcy
Reviewed by City Attorney (include name and phone):	
Statute Citation:	
Priority (city is lead advocate) or Support (city supports other groups) item?	Support
Context for 2015 Session (e.g. Equity, Transportation, etc.)	Equity - greater access for low-income families to high quality early learning.
City Fiscal Impact:	
State Fiscal Impact:	Yes
Supportive Partners:	Governor Dayton; Start Early (The Start Early Funders Coalition for Children and Minnesota's Future is a collaboration of more than 20 members of Minnesota's philanthropic community.); Governor's Early Learning Council, MinneMinds (MinneMinds is a research-grounded consortium consisting of over 80 supporting organizations and thought leaders from across the state with a common commitment to prioritizing Minnesota's youngest in-need children as the most important investment for our state to make.); Representatives Carlson, Winkler, Marquart, Mullery, Mariani, Metsa, Radinovich, Lien, Savick, Ward, Kahn, Persell, Abeler, Selcer, McNamar, Fritz, Senators Cohen, Wiger, Franzen, Torres-Ray, Saxhaug, and Bonoff
Other Engaged Organizations:	
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Name of Legislation:	Part C / Early Intervention (Help Me Grow) Eligibility for Young Homeless Children
Short Description. Please include a description of the current issue/problem, as well as any relevant historical background.	Part C provides early intervention services to infants and toddlers aged birth to three with developmental delays or a physical or mental condition that has a high likelihood of resulting in a developmental delay. The intent is to build interagency partnerships among state agencies and programs in health, education, human services and developmental disabilities. We support a designation allowing homeless children birth to three to be eligible for Part C services without screening.
Sponsoring Department:	Mayor Hodges Office
Submitted By:	Mayor Hodges Cradle to K Cabinet
Key Staff:	Dianne Haulcy
Reviewed by City Attorney (include name and phone):	
Statute Citation:	
Priority (city is lead advocate) or Support (city supports other groups) item?	Support
Context for 2015 Session (e.g. Equity, Transportation, etc.)	
City Fiscal Impact:	
State Fiscal Impact:	
Supportive Partners:	Cradle to K Cabinet, Children's Defense Fund
Other Engaged Organizations:	
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Name of Legislation:	Policy and Fiscal Support for changes to the Child Care Assistance Program
Short Description. Please include a description of the current issue/problem, as well as any relevant historical background.	<p>Mayor Hodges Cradle to K Cabinet recommends policy changes to the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) that support stable early care and education arrangements even as family circumstances change. The Cabinet is dedicated to assuring that children, especially those most vulnerable, have access to consistent, high-quality care and education that supports their learning and development. The Cabinet supports policies that simplify CCAP, increase investments in Basic Sliding fee and assure as many children as possible benefit from allocated resources.</p> <p>Unfortunately, as of June 2014 there were 6,650 families on the state waiting list for Basic Sliding Fee (a sub-program of Child Care Assistance Program) with Hennepin County having 4000 families waiting). These are low income children, some with multiple risk factors. While waiting for assistance, most of these children are likely to be in less than optimal care arrangements due to cost.</p> <p>Once a parent is able to enroll their child in a good program using Basic Sliding Fee or an early learning scholarship, the child begins to develop relationships with the teachers and learn. If a child is dis-enrolled due to a change in the parent's work status there is a disruption to learning and progress being made. This type of disruption is not a neutral experience for the child. It is experienced as a loss and stressor and can make it harder for the child to settle in and benefit from future enrollment.</p> <p>In addition, early learning programs that support children's learning and development are suffering from the lack of funding of CCAP and some high quality programs risk closing without more funding stability and market rates.</p> <p>More children stably enrolled in financially secure high-quality early care and education while their parents work results in more children on track for school. Changes to CCAP are needed to eliminate confusion, avoid long waiting lists, abrupt loss of programming and learning setbacks.</p>
Sponsoring Department:	Mayor Hodges Office
Submitted By:	Mayor Hodges Cradle to K Cabinet
Key Staff:	Dianne Haulcy
Reviewed by City Attorney (include name and phone):	
Statute Citation:	
Priority (city is lead advocate) or Support (city supports other groups) item?	
Context for 2015 Session (e.g. Equity, Transportation, etc.)	Equity - provides greater access to high quality early learning for low-income families.
City Fiscal Impact:	
State Fiscal Impact:	Yes
Supportive Partners:	Hennepin County and many other counties in the state, Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board, many early care and education providers, Governor's Early Learning Council, Children's Defense Fund
Other Engaged Organizations:	
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Updated:

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Name of Legislation:	Expand the prohibitions on a driver while using a wireless communication device while driving
Short Description. Please include a description of the current issue/problem, as well as any relevant historical background.	Currently a driver is prohibited from checking email or texting while driving, however there is no prohibition from playing video games while driving. Distracted driving continues to be a problem and a danger to society, and this prohibition would increase safety on the roads.
Sponsoring Department:	Minneapolis City Attorney's Office
Submitted By:	Tim Richards
Key Staff:	Mary Ellen Heng, Tim Richards
Reviewed by City Attorney (include name and phone):	Tim Richards 673-3915
Statute Citation:	169.475
Priority (city is lead advocate) or Support (city supports other groups) item?	Lead
Context for 2015 Session (e.g. Equity, Transportation, etc.)	Public Safety
City Fiscal Impact:	N/A
State Fiscal Impact:	N/A
Supportive Partners:	Anticipate Minnesotans for Safe Driving
Other Engaged Organizations:	
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Name of Legislation:	Upper Harbor Terminal Redevelopment Tax Increment Finance Special Legislation
Short Description. Please include a description of the current issue/problem, as well as any relevant historical background.	The City is preparing to shut down the 48-acre City-owned Upper Harbor Terminal site and redevelop it for new uses. Large public investments will be needed for infrastructure, etc., and redevelopment is expected to occur over multiple years. Tax increment finance is expected to be an important tool to support these investments. Special legislation to revise how the TIF statute applies to this project will allow this tool to be used in a more coordinated and effective manner.
Sponsoring Department:	CPED
Submitted By:	Ann Calvert, x5023
Key Staff:	Cathy Polasky, Kristin Guild, Ann Calvert
Statute Citation:	469.174 to 469.1794
Priority (city is lead advocate) or Support (city supports other groups) item?	Priority
Reviewed by City Attorney (include name and phone):	Shelley Roe, x5086
Context for 2015 Session (e.g. Equity, Transportation, etc.)	Redevelopment
City Fiscal Impact:	None
State Fiscal Impact:	None
Supportive Partners:	Park Board
Other Engaged Organizations:	DEED and Hennepin County have been participating in redevelopment planning.
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